



# St Mary's Newsletter

## WELCOME TO WEEK 7

Welcome to week 7 everyone, we are definitely on the countdown with only 23 days of school left for our learners. We are ready to make every moment count with learning and celebration as we finish off 2021! It is hard to believe that we are preparing for the end when we have had such an interrupted year. It will be wonderful to take up the opportunity to gather together as a community for some special events to end our year soon.

Thank you to the many families who have willingly shared their proof of full vaccination status with the school. Your details will be recorded on our central register and your class teachers informed so you can freely be onsite for many wonderful learning experiences and events. For those yet to share their proof of vaccination, please feel free to email them to me at your earliest convenience.

Last week our School Advisory Council met for the final meeting of the year. The SAC group is such a valued group within our school who offer support and challenge on many school priorities. We discussed the future of St Mary's under new leadership and the many exciting ventures ahead. Next year St Mary's will be looking for two, to three new SAC members and I encourage anyone interested to come and chat with me. It is a great school group to be a representative of.

Last week our teachers and learners completed the second annual cycle of PIVOT where teachers obtain feedback from their learners. This feedback then provides teachers with a specific area for professional goal setting. It was an affirming process for our teachers to be able to improve their practice from cycle one until now and also provide future areas to focus on. The use of PIVOT aligns with our Visible Learning journey and both professional supports are complimenting one another and most importantly impacting our learners.

St Mary's is continuing to finalise staffing for 2022. Last week we employed Mrs Jodie Tieppo for our Specialist Arts role and we will continue to finalise the remaining specialist roles this week. Many of you would have noticed that we have re-advertised our classroom teaching positions on a variety of platforms. St Mary's is doing all that we can to attract quality educators however staffing in regional schools remains a challenge and we have sought the support of CES Ltd Sandhurst to assist. I hope to keep you all well informed as this process unfolds.

On Thursday of last week our Year 6 Learners and Miss Spence and Mrs Fry did an exceptional job in representing St Mary's. Several of our Learners participated in reading while Miss Spence shared the importance of why we commit to educating our learners on the importance of our past during times of war. We thank all of the members of our Cohuna RSL who always contribute to our collective learning and include the St Mary's community at every opportunity.

**God Bless and have a great week!**

Jasmine Ryan (*Principal*)

## DATES AHEAD

- 22nd - 25th Nov: Yr 5/6 Camp - Phillip Island
- 25th Nov: Year 2 Stay @ School Sleepover
- 26th Nov: Prep Transition 9am - 1pm, Assembly @ 2:20pm
- 1st Dec: Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 6pm
- 2nd Dec: St Mary's swimming program begins & Mrs Adams last day
- 3rd Dec: Semester 2 Reports come home
- 7th Dec: State Community Step Up Day
- 8th Dec: Optional end of year Learning Conversations





St Mary's is a Child Safe School.

We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

## A PRAYER

Dear God,

As we continue our journey into this busy term make us ready, attentive and available to hear you. Thank you for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that you walk through it with us.

Thank you for the gifts of creativity and uniqueness, and the energy to put them to good use.

We ask you to protect our learners who are participating in camp/sleepover next week. Help them to be brave to try new things and be able to connect with your creation.

We pray for our Year 6's in their final term at St Mary's. We thank them for their contribution to our school and pray their last few weeks are filled with wonderful memories and experiences.

May the work we do and the way we do it, bring new hope, new life, and courage to all we come in contact with this term.

Amen.

### Canteen Special

Crunchy Munchy Cups  
\$4.50

Carrot & Cucumber  
Veggie Sticks

with Hummus & Rice  
Crackers.

Please note: If you child is absent and has a canteen order placed, please contact the school before 11am on the day so we can cancel this order.

### PBIS

#### To Try Our Best

To be the best we can be and to always have a go.



Courage is fear that has said its prayers and decided to go forward anyway.

Joyce Meyer

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St Mary's acknowledges and pays respects to the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet; the Barrapa Rappa People, and pay respects to elders both past and present.



St Mary's, at this current time is investing greatly in the Resilience of our community. We invite our parents to do the same. The Resilience project has shared with us, 'The Resilience Project at Home'. Please take the time to explore and try something with your family.

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/>

THE  
**RESILIENCE  
PROJECT**



**TRP@HOME**



## Junior School Team

This week in the Junior School we are already missing Mrs Lamb! We had to say goodbye last week as she left on maternity leave to prepare for the soon to be arrival of Baby Lamb. The learners in the 2/3 Collaborative enjoyed spending her last day with her on Friday and thoroughly enjoyed their Baby shower celebration on Wednesday for our last day all together.

This week in the Prep, One Collaborative classroom we have been unpacking the meaning of a song for our weekly text in reading. We have also been refreshing and building upon our knowledge of narratives through picture prompts for writing. In Maths, we have been beginning to explore 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

This week in the 2/3 Collaborative classroom we have been continuing to build our inferring skills when listening to different songs from different genres. We have been busily writing our news reports on a particular musician. Learners have spent time using facts and details and brainstormed their ideas in small groups. In Maths, we have been learning about length and have now moved onto weight.



## Senior School Team

We had a busy week in the Senior class. The year 5/6 learners are super excited to be going to Phillip Island in Week 8. It will be great to go on a school excursion. Please make sure permissions are returned by Wednesday this week. We will be departing at 7am on Monday 22nd November. Please make sure your child is at school by 6.45am. The Yr 6 learners attended the Remembrance day service on Thursday at the RSL park to remember those who served. The learners were very interested in the white crosses that were at the service and how old some of the men were when they died. It was great to see the learners sharing their thoughts about Remembrance day with each other.

The Yr 6 learners have been busy getting photos and putting together their imovie. They will add music and voice over while their photos play. It is great to see them enthusiastic and sharing how much they have grown over the years.

The year 5 learners are continuing to create a design for their leadership shirts for 2022. They are super excited to be able to spend time completing their designs. It is great to hear them sharing ideas and getting inspiration from each other.

In Maths learners have been exploring measurement with a focus on area and perimeter. They have created different shapes and identify what the perimeter and area would be.

We have been focusing on feedback and providing feedback to each other.

In Inquiry learners have started investigating their wondering and gathering evidence to incorporate into their final presentation. Learners have been looking at the different styles and how they changed over time. Learners have been completing different readings to help develop their understanding about music and how it impacts differently.



St Mary's is excited to announce...

# PLAYGROUP IS BACK !

Please join us on Wednesdays from  
10am - 11am in the St Mary's  
playground!

**Starting back 17th November 2021**  
**Proof of Full Vaccination is**  
**required for attendance**

## Remaining Playgroup Dates for 2021

17th November  
24th November  
1st December  
8th December

**COME PLAY, EXPLORE & CREATE !**







# CREATING CONNECTIONS AUSTRALIA

All you need to know about Autism

**FREE Session for all!**  
 Monday, 22nd November  
 9.30am-11am or 4pm-5.30pm  
 CohunaCo  
 38 Channel St, Cohuna

**For more information**  
 Call us on 0437407608

*Come along & meet us!*

## Cohuna LEO CUBS



Do you want to join a great team  
 Make a difference in your community  
 Learn new skills  
 Make new friends?

### LEO CUBS

Are looking for new members to join them.  
 Information Session & Registration Day  
 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021  
 Scout Hall – Gillrule Park  
 4.30pm



Enrolment forms are now due  
 to the CSC Office

# 2022

## YEAR 7

For a copy of the form please call 5456 255 or  
 Email your details to [cohuna.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:cohuna.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

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